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THE FISH SITUATION.

The Lenten season is coming apace. The great reserve stocks of salt will begin to move into consumption. The domestic mackerel market, has been lifeless for months, will not itself once more. The salt fish merchants who have been handling to-hand mouth and hold-over or will once more begin to do a substantial business that will yield a fair, reasonable and a living profit. Much depends upon the season of Lent. May be deserving be not disappointed.—*Living Gazette.*

Newfoundland Fish Comment.

There is a good deal of dissatisfaction with what is known as "Current Market Price," this season says the *John's N. F. Trade Review*. Owing to late season and short catch, the price on the coast for fish shipped to foreign market varied very much more than usual, and just where the average standard lies it is difficult to tell. Many fishermen shipped their fish as usual for "current price," and the difficulty is to find out what the current price means. Some of the fishermen contend that current price is the highest price that ruled during the shipping season; while others are satisfied to accept the highest price that ruled up to the time of their actual sale. The position, always unsatisfactory one, has been worse than ever this season.

A few years ago, most of the Labrador fishermen were so much indebted to suppliers, that they perforce accepted any reasonable price proposed, when they came up their accounts; but that condition no longer exists. Since the inauguration of the Morris Government, and the frequently good times, all our toil have become more independent, and they look sharper after their accounts and prices paid for their fish. Hence, they are no longer willing to accept a vague arrangement, implied by current Labrador price, and will have to be a more definite understanding in the future. A committee of representatives of fishermen and a committee from the Board of Trade should consider the matter as soon as possible.

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WITH MAY BE A TOTAL LOSS

Priscilla Smith is still hard and on the rocks at Sandy Point, N. S. of water and there is considerable doubt as to saving her, according to information received this forenoon. A telegram was received by the insurance company this morning, seeking information as to the riggings, sails,

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ANOTHER DAY AND NO FISH IN

Not a fishing arrival has been reported here during the past 48 hours, the gill netters and market fleet still being held up by the storm.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

No arrivals today.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, 3. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland herring, \$3.25 per bbl. for salt bulk, \$4.25 per bbl. for pickled.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.15; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.

Fresh halibut, 16 1-2c for white and 10c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per lb.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, haddocking, was in Shelburne, N. S., Monday, and cleared for fishing. Sch. Commonwealth, Capt. Frank Watts, and sch. Manhasset, Capt. Gray, haddocking, were in Liverpool, N. S., Monday, and cleared for fishing.

Stepping Her Spars.

The new schooner, Henrietta, is having her masts stepped at Burnham Brothers' shears.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. Val O'Neil, stocked \$1900 on her last haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$43 clear.

Porto Rico Market Comes Back.

Says the *Fishing Gazette*: The Porto Rican market has almost entirely redeemed itself. It "came back" quicker than the veterans predicted that it would. All inferior parcels that were a detriment to the market of this insular possession of Uncle Sam have disappeared or gone into consumption. The market on codfish is an advancing one.

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BEAM TRAWLERS HAD MUCH SCROD

Three in This Morning Had 45,000 Pounds in Their Catches.

Three beam trawlers furnished the bulk of the fresh fish supply at Boston this morning. The *Spray* had 30,000 pounds; *Swell*, 33,000 pounds; *Billow*, 46,000 pounds. About 45,000 pounds of the lot landed was scrod haddock.

Of the seining fleet sch. *Pontiac*, Capt. Ernest Parsons, had 30,000 pounds, and sch. *Stranger*, 5500 pounds. The fleet brought 1150 pounds fresh halibut, which sold at 23 cents a pound right through.

Groundfish prices were \$4.75 to \$5.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$6 to \$8 for large and \$4 to \$5 for market cod, \$4 to \$6 for hake, \$4 for pollock and \$2.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. *Stranger*, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. *Spray*, 27,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 250 halibut.

Sch. *Swell*, 32,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 300 halibut.

Sch. *Pontiac*, 19,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 cusk, 300 halibut.

Sch. *Billow*, 45,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 300 halibut.

Haddock \$4.75 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$8; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2.50; halibut, 23 cents per lb.

CANADA HANDS OUT FISH BOUNTY

An order-in-council has been passed at Ottawa providing for the distribution of \$160,000 in bounties, under the act to encourage the development of the sea fisheries and the building of fishing vessels.

Owners of vessels entitled to receive bounty shall be paid one dollar per registered ton provided that the payment to the owner of any one vessel shall not exceed the sum of eighty dollars and all vessel fishermen entitled to receive bounty shall be paid the sum of six dollars and forty cents each. Fishermen engaged in fishing in boats who shall also have complied with the regulations entitling them to receive bounty shall be paid the sum of three dollars and sixty-five cents each and the owners of fishing boats shall be paid the sum of one dollar \$1.00 (per boat).

Halibut Fisherman Washed Overboard.

As the halibut fishing schooner *Constitution* was fighting a fierce gale in Alaskan waters early in January, Ole Jacobson, one of the fishermen was washed overboard by a great wave. The body was recovered. The deceased leaves a wife and baby.

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BRUCE MADE BANNER STOCK

Sch. A. Platt Andrew, Capt. Wallace Bruce, stocked \$4050 on her haddocking trip at Boston Tuesday, which is the largest haddock stock of the winter. There were 25 shares, each of the crew receiving \$90.25 net as their part of the proceeds of the trip.

Capt. Bruce is high line of the winter haddocking fleet to date and with the pace that he has established will have a big seasons' work. The high single stock previous, this season, was \$3300 made by sch. *Bay State*, Capt. Archie McLeod.

Pensacola Arrivals.

The week ending January 24 at Pensacola was one of the best that the vessels have known in some time, 1 by number reaching port with a total catch of 252,345 pounds of fish, of which 220,280 pounds was red snapper and 32,065 pounds grouper. Eight vessels came to the Warren Fish Co. with a total of 116,015 pounds of fish, of which 101,095 pounds was red snapper and the balance, 14,920 pounds grouper. The average catch of the Warren fleet was 14,502 pounds.

Schooner Panama Sold.

Capt. John Gibson, of Seattle, early in January sold his halibut schooner *Martin E. Johnson*, of Ballard. Capt. of the *Pacific Net & Twine Co.*, and *Panama* of Seattle to Louis Sandstrom. Gibson has recently assumed the position of business agent for the Fishing Vessel Owners' association, of Seattle.

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Another Sealer for Halibut Fishing.

Several months ago the *Victoria* Company of Victoria, B. C., lost its schooner *Victoria* in the Gulf of Georgia, and is now engaged in remodeling the former sealing schooner *Ida Etta* to replace her. A powerful gasoline engine will be installed, and the interior torn out and reconstructed in order to make provision for a fish hold.

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DENMARK'S EEL FARM.

It Is Supplied With Fresh Water or Salt, as May Be Needed.

A novel Danish development is the eel farm at Neilsen, on Zealand Island. A piece of lowland along the Ise Fjord has been converted into a pond of 432 acres, averaging two feet in depth, and equipment has been provided for pumping into the naturally somewhat brackish water a supply of fresh water from an adjacent canal or of salt water from the fjord.

Living mostly in fresh water, the eel has the curious habit of seeking the deep sea to spawn on attaining maturity. The eel larvae, drifting helplessly far from land, develop into elvers, and these seek the fresh waters, there to remain until they in turn reach maturity.

For stocking the farm the elvers are trapped as they arrive in the early spring. Through a sluice sufficient pure water is discharged to freshen the fjord in the vicinity, and the elvers thus attracted crawl up the sluice on bands of twisted straw, provided to aid their passage in the swift stream.

From the trap at the head of the sluice they are turned into the pond, being first counted. In this way 50,000 young eels were captured in 1905, and since then larger numbers have been taken, up to 300,000 in 1913.

To get ripe, fully-grown eels for the market, the trap is reversed. Salt water from the fjord is pumped into special boxes, and this attracts the matured individuals whose instincts call to salt water.

The output for 1913 was about 13,000 pounds.—Stray Stories.

BUT ONE TRIP AT NEW PIER

Not for several weeks was it so quiet at the Boston fish pier as this morning. But one arrival was at the dock when business resumed, the down east schooner Sadie M. Nunan bringing a \$500 pound fare of fresh fish.

Market quotations wholesale were \$5 to \$5.50 a hundred pounds for haddock \$5.50 to \$6 for large and \$3.50 for market cod \$5 to \$7 for hake, \$4 to \$4.25 for pollock and \$3 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 700 cod, 1500 hake, 300 cusk.

Haddock \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$5 to \$7; pollock, \$4 to \$4.25; cusk, \$3.

Vessels Fitting.

Capt. Daniel McDonald is fitting sch. Oriole for a fresh halibut trip.

Capt. Michael Smith is fitting sch. Avalon for a similar trip.

Capt. Fred Upshell will now fit sch. Agnes for fresh halibut trip.

Her Herring All Out.

The steam trawler Baliene reached Halifax Tuesday from Lockport, where she discharged a large cargo of frozen and pickled herring to the Lockport Cold Storage Company.

Digby Craft Ashore.

The schooner Loran B. Snow, one of the Digby fishing fleet, and owned by Joseph E. Snow, fouled her anchor during Monday night's heavy north-east gale and dragged ashore at Hardy's Point on the high water. When the tide left her at daybreak, it was discovered that a large rock had penetrated the hull and as a heavy sea is still washing the Smith's Cove shore, it is feared further damage will be sustained by the vessel before she can be refloated. Capt. Roy Longmire commanded the vessel which is insured.

Good Stock.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. George Marr stocked \$207.59 on her recent halibut trip, the crew's share being \$45 clear. Several of the crew also had handline fish, which brought up the high line share to \$62.67.

NOT A TRIP IN FOR THREE DAYS

Quiet still continues to reign supreme along the water front. This morning, for the third consecutive day, not an arrival was reported.

With clearing weather, the gill netters got underway this morning, to lift their gear, the first time since Monday.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

No arrivals today.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrivals.

U. S. Coast Guard Steamer Gresham cruising.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Jessie Costa, haddocking, was in Liverpool, N. S., Tuesday and cleared for fishing.

The British sch. Assurance has arrived at Lunenburg, N. S., from this port.

Sch. James W. Parker, Capt. George W. Tufts, and sch. Georgianna, Capt. Gourley Anderson, were in Shelburne, N. S., Tuesday, and cleared for fishing.

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GILL NETTERS OUT YESTERDAY

First Lift Since Monday Brought Many "Scalars" in Day's Catch.

The gill netters were able to get out yesterday, the first time since Monday. Some 30,000 pounds of fish constituted the day's receipts, there being quite a lot of "scalars" and poor fish, which had layed in the nets.

About one-fourth of the day's receipts was pollock, and the rest haddock, cod and hake. The fish was shipped on the early morning boat to Boston.

No off shore arrivals were reported, although a number of coastwise chafts were in harbor for shelter.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quartette, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish (landed at Rockport).

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Harriett, shore.

Sch. Adeline, shore.

Sch. Russell, shore.

Sch. Ralph Brown, shore.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Leonora Silveira, shore.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, shore.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, shore.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Alice, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Jorgina, shore.

Sch. Jeanette, shore.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, 3. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25. Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3. Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50. Hake, \$1.50. Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.50. Newfoundland herring, \$2.25 bbl. for salt bulk, \$4.25 per bbl. pickled.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt. Western cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c. Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c. All codfish, not gilled, 10c per pounds less than above. Hake, \$1.25. Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 10c. Fresh halibut, 16 1-2c for white, 10c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 10c lb.

LIGHT SUPPLY ON THE WEEK-END

Three Market Boats at New Pier Sold Their Haddock at \$5.50

Three market boats arrived at Boston fish pier over night with 12,000 pounds mixed fresh fish. The \$8000 pounds brought yesterday afternoon by steamer Advance was all the dealers had for new stock.

Dealers paid \$5.50 a hundred weight for haddock, \$6 for large cod to \$3.50 for market cod; \$3.50 for hake, \$4 for pollock, \$2.50 for cusk, 21 cents a pound for fresh halibut.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 6000 haddock, 1600 cod, 1000 hake, 1500 cusk, 2000 lb. lock.

Sch. Flavilla 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1500 cusk, 2000 lb. lock.

Sch. Genesta, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1500 cusk, 2000 lb. lock.

Str. Advance 6000 cod, 2000 haddock, \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$4; pollock, \$2.50; cusk, \$2.25; 21c per lb.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gertrude DeCosta arrived Liverpool, N. S., Tuesday and cleared for fishing.

SMITH WILL BE A TOTAL LOSS

Sch. Priscilla Smith, ashore at dy Point, N. S., will probably be a total loss, according to reports brought by the crew who arrived yesterday.

Everything that can be salvaged being removed from the craft, the hull is full of water, and has been past few days, the craft has been considerably. Capt. Manuel Smith, one of the owners, who went down after the owners' interests, has been at Shelburne, N. S.

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The Seattle Cod Market.

The Seattle codfish market has been in a very quiet condition during the past month, says the Pacific Fisherman. No new fish has arrived from the north. The independent station fish which came down the latter part of the year is now being worked up by Tacoma and Seattle wholesale houses, and the addition of this supply to an already overloaded market has not tended to keep prices up.